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(WITH REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW)

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2004, setting a three-month term for reply.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), a three-month extension of the period for reply, *i.e.*, up to and including March 17, 2005 is requested. A check for \$510.00 is enclosed in payment of the fee under 37 CFR §1.17(a). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee for this extension of time, or any other fee occasioned by this paper, or to credit any overpayment in such fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.